

REVIEW

FOREIGN TRADE IN FISHERY PRODUCTS

EXPORTS. U.S. exports of edible fishery products were 2.1 billion pounds valued at \$3.0 billion, an increase of 64.9 million pounds, but a decrease of \$230.0 million when compared with 1995. Fresh and frozen items were 1.8 billion pounds valued at \$2.3 billion, an increase of 35.1 million pounds, but a decrease of \$193.7 million compared with 1995. In terms of individual species, fresh and frozen exports consisted principally of 277.0 million pounds of salmon valued at \$469.8 million, 284.7 million pounds of surimi valued at \$269.8 million and 46.7 million pounds of crabs valued at \$162.4 million. Canned items were 155.4 million pounds valued at \$223.8 million. Salmon was the major canned item exported, with 95.5 million pounds valued at \$154.1 million. Cured items were 23.2 million pounds valued at \$41.9 million. Caviar and roe exports were 110.9 million pounds valued at \$450.9 million.

Exports of nonedible products were valued at \$5.6 billion compared with \$5.0 billion in 1995. Exports of fishmeal amounted to 186.4 million pounds valued at \$52.9 million. The total value of edible and nonedible exports was \$8.7 billion--an increase of \$385.3 million compared with 1995.

